

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The motor 30 is supported by the motor support bracket 21 of one of the plurality of supporting brackets 19. A transmission 31, including a transmission sector gear 33, is connected to a shaft 35 of the motor 30. The transmission 31 may couple the sector gear 33 and the shaft 35 by any suitable means commonly known to one skilled in the art, such as a worm gear on the shaft 35 meshed with the gears on the sector 33. The motor 30 includes a linking arm 32 extending therefrom. A linkage 34 has an upper end 36 and a lower end 38. The upper end 36 of the linkage 34 is secured to the linking arm 32 and the lower end 38 of the linkage 34 is secured to the step 20. Thus, the motor 30 is operatively connected to the step.--